



GAYSPEAK

THE PIKES PEAK GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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NEEDED: FINANCIAL SUPPORT

At this point in time the center is in dire need of your financial support. The Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center provide invaluable and much needed services, HELPLINE, GAYSPEAK, COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND FUNDRAISING. The Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center is a non-profit organization and relies solely on the generosity of the Gay/Lesbian community. Your input and presence is surely needed and appreciated; however, your financial support is also needed. Presently the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center is unable to meet its financial obligations, without your immediate support the Center could possibly be forced to cease its community efforts. Contributions of any amount would be gratefully received. Your contributions are tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. The Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center Board would like to thank you for support.

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I, Robin Miller, being of sound mind and body, hereby submit this letter to apply for the position of President of the Pikes Peak Gay and Lesbian Community Center, to complete the present term of that office which expires in 1992. I believe that I would bring to the position vision, leadership ability, creativity, and unity. The one restriction that I must acknowledge is my limited amount of time, due to my many other endeavors within the community. I must therefore ask for a maximum contribution from everyone involved.

I would be honored to accept this position if it were offered to me.

Robin Miller

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471-4429
GAY HELP LINE



LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE

With the acceptance of the above letter and a vote of the membership present, Robin Miller has become interim President of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center to fill the term left vacant when David Eidson tendered his resignation at the September meeting. Congratulations Robin.

BOARD NEWS

The terms of President, Robin Miller, and Vice President, Koski Flathers, will come up for election again in October 1992. The terms of Secretary, John Mark Hild, and Treasurer, Barb Beckner, will be up in two years.

The new Board has many exciting and rejuvenating ideas that will help us to grow and become a more effective organization. A special thanks to our board members for their involvement and commitment.

UPCOMING EVENT

Our board's first event is the "First Annual Lesbian and Gay Community Congress". This occasion will be co-sponsored by PPGLCC, New Phases, and the Pikes Peak Metropolitan Community Church. Your ideas and involvement would be greatly appreciated.

ABOUT WHAT WE DO

In the past year the Center's HELPLINE has fielded over 3,000 legitimate calls, making referrals to many businesses, organizations, and support groups. The HELPLINE is a wonderful source of information staffed with responsible caring operators.

PPGLCC is responsible for distributing 3000 newsletters, containing information about community events, support groups, etc., to friends and businesses. We were involved in raising over \$5,000 for S-CAP, for PLWA. PPGLCC also helped

with the "Children's Ball", a fun-filled afternoon for 75 under privileged children. We also sponsored the PPGLCC's 2nd Annual Valentines's Ball.

We are looking forward to a new year with these and many other new projects. Once again your involvement is encouraged.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Pikes Peak Hospice and S-CAP are now providing a support group for persons who have had a life-partner, family member, or friend die of an HIV/AIDS related illness, or another catastrophic illness or disease. The group meets Tuesday evenings, 7 - 9 p.m. To enroll contact Pikes Peak Hospice at 633-3400 or for further information call the S-CAP office at 578-9020.

S-CAP UPDATE

Beginning Nov. 4, S-CAP will have a full-time paid case manager on board, Beth Bowman. S-CAP is a recipient of funding through the Federal Ryan White Grant. The case manager will be working 40 hours a week to assist people with HIV to insure that they receive and locate needed services.

Yes its true!! S-CAP recently signed a three-year contract for a new office. The 1,500 sq. ft. office is located at 514 S. Tejon and should open the first week of December. Please come and see the new facility, there are rooms for meetings, support groups, and an education- resource center. Due to the fact that regular office hours haven't been established yet, call the office in advance to make sure someone will be there.

Ofcourse we've scheduled a formal Open House for December 5, 7 - 10 p.m. This is not just an Open House, its also "Meet the New Case Manager" and our Fall Art Benefit. Again this year Jim Hummel of Stone House Pottery is designing a special commemorative piece of pottery. It will be up for sale and for more details please call the S-CAP office at 578-9092. Currently five artists are scheduled to participate in this year's event. The evening is also being co-hosted by the Business of Art Center. A generous portion of all the proceeds will be going to S-CAP.

Recently S-CAP sponsored the play "Inner Circle" at several front range schools to include a special show at the University of Southern Colorado at Pueblo. A speakers Bureau is also being established.

In addition, S-CAP began a new support group for friends, family & partners of HIV people who have passed away.

S-CAP is experiencing rapid growth and expanding with it, there is a need for more people

to assist in the project. If you can spare an hour or two a week or month please contact the S-CAP office at 578-9092 and leave a message for Tony Ortiz.

Currently people are needed in the following area:

- *Education
- *Fundraising
- *Office
- *Newspaper
- *Support Services

With the new office comes the need for furniture & miscellaneous items in good condition:

- *coffee pot
- *bathroom supplies
- *folding tables
- *paper, pens, pencils
- *folding chairs
- *vacuum cleaner
- *books - relating to AIDS issues

If you can help us out please call the S-CAP office to make arrangements to drop off/pick up items.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

November 12 - Board Meeting

December 5 - Open House/Fundraiser

Support Groups - HIV/PLWA

- Women
- Friends, Family & Lovers
- Grief Groups

Call S-CAP & speak with the case manager for times & locations of support groups.

DID YOU KNOW??

John Boswell, renowned theologian, has uncovered new evidence that the early catholic church celebrated same-sex marriages centuries before it did heterosexual ones.

White heterosexual unions were neither conducted in church nor considered sacramental before 1215 A.D., same-sex unions were affirmed in religious ceremonies emphasizing the love and devotion of the couple to God.

Boswell found services for same-sex marriages in old Vatican volumes of officially sanctioned rituals. Some historians now say the tradition of celebrating same-sex marriages was well established from the sixth through the thirteenth centuries.

--from "The Other Side"

CONGRATULATIONS

Angela Bush and Wendy DeVoll celebrated a Holy Union on September 7, 1991, Pastor Harrison officiating.

Renee Bliss and Anita Dolen celebrated a Holy Union on

October 5, 1991, Pastor Harrison officiating.

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: '79 Buick Wagon; new tires, good spare, am/fm, ac, 350 engine, good interior. Asking \$800. Ask for Jane at 3740 E. La Salle, # 312

ENTERTAINMENT

Colorado Spring's newest gay bar would like to invite you and your friends to come down and check out some of the different happenings going on. "Just Friends" offers frequent drink special nights, as well as free pool nights, country nights, Sunday football beer busts, and lots of other specials. If you want to use the bar for a private party or a meeting, it can be reserved for your own personal use on Mondays.

"Just Friends" opened August 9th and since then has established themselves as the place to be, and for numerous reasons. The bar is owned and operated by a friendly crew who is constantly seeking input on what to do to make our community's bar what we want it to be. With the live DJ and the great music you can dance to your hearts content. If dancing isn't your thing or you'd just like to have a conversation without having to raise your voice to be heard over the music, then visit the second bar which is separated for just this reason.

Regardless of what you like, come down to "Just Friends" and pick up a calendar so you can never say you didn't know what was going on. Grab a friend and come by "Just Friends" 2001 E. La Salle, or call 634-2300.

FACTS ABOUT COLORADO YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR

In 1990, the Colorado Department of Education in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control, administered the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) to randomly-selected Colorado High School students, grades 9 through 12 (excluding Denver Public Schools). This year's survey was expanded to include six priority health risk behaviors among adolescents including dietary behaviors, physical activity, drug, alcohol and tobacco use, and high risk sexual behaviors. More than 1,300 students completed the surveys enabling the results to be statistically generalized to the state's 9th through 12th grade population.

Regarding sexual behaviors, over half (55%) of the students surveyed reported that they had engaged in sexual intercourse, and less than half (47%) of that group said they had used a condom the last time they had intercourse. A large proportion (39%) of those who had intercourse said they had had four or more partners in their lifetimes.

Regarding knowledge of HIV/AIDS the majority of students (78%) report having been taught about HIV and AIDS, however misconceptions and myths about AIDS persist. 49% of students believe it is

possible to contract HIV from donating blood, and over a third (34%) believe it may be possible to get infected with the AIDS virus from a mosquito bite.

In summary, Colorado in-school teens are getting the information about HIV/AIDS, but many of them are still not modifying their behaviors to reduce risk.

(This information was published by the Colorado Department of Education Office of Federal Relations and Instructional Services High Risk Intervention Unit. To receive a copy of the articles please call the S-CAP office at 578-9020)

HUMAN RIGHTS

WILSON VETO "POLITICAL COWDICE",
MCFEELEY STATES WEEK-END VETO IS A
VICTORY FOR DANNEMEYER

"Governor Wilson's veto is an unconscionable act of political cowardice," said Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "The governor caved into pressure from Congressman William Dannemeyer and his extremist allies."

McFeeley stated that Wilson's veto was designed to bolster the chances of California Senator John Seymour in his primary fight next year against anti-gay Congressman William Dannemeyer.

"Seymour and Wilson think that the bigots will be satisfied by this veto. Unfortunately, experience has taught us that bigotry

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Pikes Peak Gay Community Center Membership Application

All membership information is kept strictly confidential.

Individual Dues Are \$6.00 Annually

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Signature _____

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First Annual

Lesbian and Gay Community Congress

For Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Woodland Park, and the surrounding area . . .

Come spend an evening:

- o discussing ways to enhance the community

What organizations and services do we need?

How can we break down barriers within the community?

How can we best develop ourselves as individuals?

- o meeting people from a wide variety of backgrounds

- o having fun!

We'll met in one large group to get organized, then we'll break up into small groups to brainstorm for an hour or so, then we'll get back together to discuss the results.

We'll combine all the ideas into a **1992 Action Plan** to suggest to the community.

Plenty of Free Food and Refreshments!

We need people from all corners of the community to be here. You're especially encouraged to attend if you don't normally participate in community functions. The congress is being held at a safe place, so everyone should feel comfortable. And it's Free!

When: Friday, November 15

Where: All Souls Unitarian Church
730 N. Tejon Street
Colorado Springs

Time: 7-9:30 p.m.

Co-sponsored by:

Metropolitan Community Church

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